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1. SYG LUNS CONVENED PRIVATE MEETING OF PERMREPS PLUS ONE LATE ON
OCTOBER 17 TO DISCUSS U.S. PROPOSAL FOR AD HOC GROUP STUDY OF JAPANESE

RED ARMY. RECALLING THAT SOME PERMREPS HAD REQUESTED A PAPER
ON U.S. IDEAS, MCAULIFFE CIRCULATED SUGGESTED TERMS OF REFERENCE
AND SCHEDULE FOR AD HOC GROUP BASED ON REF B. HE EXPLAINED RATIONALE
FOR U.S. PROPOSAL AND SAID AMBASSADOR HOFFACKER WOULD BE AVAILABLE
TO BRIEF PERMREPS OCTOBER 23.

2. PECK(UK) SUPPORTED U.S. PROPOSAL, STRESSED NEED FOR UTMOST
DISCRETION IN HANDLING STUDY, AND SAID LONDON WOULD PROVIDE EXPERT.
HARTOGH(NETHERLANDS) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD BE WILLING TO
COOPERATE IN STUDY OF RED ARMY. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF SENSITIVITY
OF SUBJECT, NETHERLANDS PREFERRED THAT AN EXISTING BODY, NATO
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE, CONDUCT STUDY. ERALP(TURKEY) AGREED SPECIAL
COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE UP MATTER.MENZIES(CANADA) SAID OTTAWA
SUPPORTED U.S. OBJECTIVES BUT BELIEVED SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHOULD
REVIEW RED ARMY THREAT IN COURSE OF ITS REGULAR MEETING. IN

LIGHT OF RED ARMY CONTACTS WITH PLO, MENZIES SAW NEED FOR PARTICULAR CAUTION AND SECRECY IN ACTIVITY WHICH MIGHT, IF LEAKED TO PRESS, MAKE NATO APPEAR INDIRECTLY CONCERNED ABOUT PLO. CATALANO (ITALY), TOMASSON (ICELAND), CHORAFAS (GREECE) AND HOSTERT (LUXEMBOURG) SUPPORTED IDEA OF ASKING SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO RED ARMY THREAT.

3. DE ROSE (FRANCE) EXPRESSED GREAT RESERVE REGARDING NATO STUDY OF RED ARMY. HE SAID COMPETENT EXPERTS ALREADY DISCUSS THIS SORT OF PROBLEM OUTSIDE THE ALLIANCE. FRENCH WOULD PREFER THAT INTERESTED AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO HANDLE SUCH ISSUES THROUGH EXISTING CHANNELS AND SAW NO BENEFIT TO NATO OR TO FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM IN TRANSFERRING MATTER TO AN ALLIANCE BODY. BUSCH (NORWAY) EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR DE ROSE'S STATEMENT KRAPF (FRG) SAID HE PERSONNALLY SAW NO REASON TO TRY TO SEPARATE RED ARMY FROM GENERAL PROBLEM OF TERRORISM OR TO HAVE FORMAL NATO STUDY OF RED ARMY THREAT. HE THOUGHT IN FIRST INSTANCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MIGHT REVIEW SUBJECT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION. BAS

(BELGIUM) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAD OPEN MIND ON SUBJECT. HE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HEAR AMBASSADOR HOFFACKER'S VIEWS AND THOUGHT FOR TIME BEING PERMREPS MIGHT CONSIDER SEPARATELY HOFFACKER'S BRIEFING AND QUESTION OF NEXT STEP REGARDING POSSIBLE STUDY. SVART (DENMARK) SAID COPENHAGEN WOULD WISH TO SEND EXPERT TO HEAR WHAT U.S. EXPERTS HAD TO SAY. HE NOTED NEED FOR SECRECY AND ASKED WHETHER PARTICIPANTS IN STUDY MIGHT AT SOME STAGE DISCUSS MATTER WITH JAPANESE AUTHROTIES.

4. MCAULIFFE REPEATED FULL U.S. APPRECIATION OF NEED FOR SECRECY REGARDING STUDY OF RED ARMY. NOTING GENERAL NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY BY NATO AND BY ALLIES IN CONSIDERING AND COPING WITH NEW ISSUES, SUCH AS RED ARMY THREAT, HE SAID U.S. PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE STUDY ON OPEN-ENDED BASIS WITH LIMITED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND UNDERSTOOD THAT NOT ALL ALLIES MIGHT WISH TO TAKE PART. HE SAID U.S. FORSAW THAT IF SUCH STUDY GROUP WAS ESTABLISHED PARTICIPANTS WOULD WISH, AT SOME POINT PERHAPS THROUGH BILATERAL TIES, TO INFORM JAPANESE AND ELICIT THEIR COOPERATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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BELIEVES THAT JOINT, TRILATERAL, QUADRILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL OPEN-ENDED, COOPERATIVE STUDY BY INTERESTED ALLIES OF CURRENT PROBLEM FACING SEVERAL ALLIED GOVERNMENTS WILL YIELD CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS.

5. AT LUNS' REQUEST ABIDIAN (NATO SECURITY DIRECTOR) DESCRIBED IN GREAT DETAIL CHARTER AND FUNCTIONS OF NATO SPECIAL COMMITTEE, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET NOVEMBER 4-6.

6. LUNS CONCLUDED THAT HE WOULD CONVENE ANOTHER PRIVATE SESSION OF PERMREPS PLUS ONE OCTOBER 23 TO HEAR AMBASSADOR HOFFACKER. PERMREPS COULD RETURN TO QUESTION OF POSSIBLE STUDY AT THAT TIME. PACK AND SVART SAID UK AND DANISH EXPERTS WOULD PROBABLY ATTEND.

7. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES REF A PROVIDES USEFUL BASIS
FOR AMBASSADOR HOFFACKER'S OCTOBER 23 BRIEFING. WE SHALL
DISCUSS POSSIBLE TEXTUAL MODIFICATIONS IN LIGHT OF MEETING
REPORTED ABOVE WITH AMBASSADOR HOFFACKER WHEN ARRIVES
IN BRUSSELS.
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